

Background

For the past two fiscal years the SNC staff has prepared and the Board approved action plans designed to implement the actions identified in the SNC Strategic Plan. Staff has provided progress reports to the Board at each meeting.

Current Status

Included with this staff report is the final progress report of the 2007-08 Action Plan and a the Action Plan for 2008-09. As you will note, a great deal of progress has been made in the current fiscal year and a majority of the actions have been completed. The complexity and time commitment involved with implementation of the grants program did result in a number of items not being completed. Those items have been included in the 2008-09 Plan. In addition, our experience over the past year has made it clear that a number of the actions identified are ongoing in nature and as such, won't be "completed."

Next Steps

For 2008-09, it is proposed that the Action Plan be viewed as an annual workplan, so that may be modified as new opportunities are identified or factors suggest a change in priorities. For this reason, staff is recommending that the plan not be "approved" by the Board, allowing for a less formal process for necessary modifications. Staff will continue to provide updates to the Board at each meeting and will be prepared to discuss any modifications made during the course of the year.

Recommendation

No action is needed by the Board at this time, however staff welcomes any comments or direction from the Board.

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Description	Status
Award \$17 million in Proposition 84 funds	Completed: Pending award of final grant funds by SNC Board at June 5 th meeting
Develop a list of resources with skills, expertise and knowledge to assist communities with projects	Completed: Initial information has been compiled and will be posted to the SNC Web site by June 30 th . Adding to the information and keeping it up-to-date will be ongoing.
Identify specific funding sources that may complement SNC activities	Completed: Initial information has been compiled and will be posted to the SNC Web site by June 30 th . Adding to the information and keeping it up-to-date will be ongoing.
Develop environmental, economic and social well-being indices to monitor progress in the various program and geographic areas	Partially Completed – Remainder will be part of 2008-09 Action Plan: Performance Measures and Indicators Project is underway. Recommended performance measures will be presented to the SNC Board on June 5 th ; recommended system indicators will be presented to the Board on October 2 nd .
Determine location of a permanent headquarters location	Completed: Pending approval of staff recommendation by SNC Board at June 5 th meeting
Identify critical information needs at the Regional and community levels to assist in assessing resource protection needs	Ongoing: While the SNC has identified and worked to address critical information needs through surveys, workshops, grants, and other outreach efforts, we will continue to identify and address these needs as an ongoing part of SNC's mission.
Develop a strategy to work in partnership with other agencies and organizations to identify information, assistance and resources needed to support community projects	Ongoing -- Will be part of 2008-09 Action Plan: The SNC has already begun to identify these needs through surveys, workshops, grants, and other outreach efforts. During 2008-09, we will continue with Regional and Subregional outreach efforts targeted at further identifying these needs.

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Develop a strategy to partner with local governments to identify information, technical assistance and resources that would be of value in local land use decision making	Partially Completed -- Ongoing: A preliminary information assessment was conducted with the counties in the Region. Evaluating local government needs in this area can best be accomplished by continuing to engage with local governments as an ongoing part of SNC's mission.
Identify and support incentive-based programs that complement and enhance regulatory efforts to achieve environmental protection and sustainability	Completed: Initial information has been compiled and will be posted to the SNC Web site by June 30 th . Adding to the information and keeping it up-to-date will be ongoing.
Develop and make available a comprehensive guide to recreational and tourism opportunities in the Sierra	Will be part of 2008-09 Action Plan: The SNC has awarded a grant for the development of an online tool to provide information about recreational opportunities on public lands, which will be posted to the SNC's Web site next year. The SNC will assess how to build on this effort to provide more comprehensive information.
Identify incentives to private and public landowners to manage the upper watershed to increase natural water storage and groundwater recharge	Partially Completed -- Ongoing: The SNC has awarded a grant for a research project in the American River Basin, which will identify incentives for managing the upper watershed in this way. The SNC will continue to look for opportunities to address this issue in the grant program and other activities.
In cooperation with local governments, identify strategies to reduce fire risk created by building structures that are within or encroach upon adjacent wildlands.	Will be part of 2008-2009 Action Plan: The SNC will consult with local governments and others to determine how best to identify these strategies.

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Action Plan

July 2008 – June 2009

Introduction

In order to successfully implement the 2008 – 2009 Action Plan, the SNC will use a combination of full time staff, retired annuitants and consultants. We will continue to work collaboratively with a variety of state, federal and local agencies, as well as non-governmental partners in carrying out the actions called for in the Plan.

The Executive Officer is primarily responsible for overseeing the effective completion of the 2008-09 Action Plan. The Assistant Executive Officer and Program and Area Managers will have responsibility for coordinating and monitoring implementation of the 2008-09 Action Plan. All SNC staff will consider the implementation of the action plan as a top priority.

Progress on implementing the Action Plan will be regularly reported to the Board and on the SNC website.

2008-09 Actions

Overarching Actions

1. Engage in a process to update the SNC's Strategic Plan, which considers lessons learned during the SNC's first years in operation, emerging issues and opportunities, and input from partners and stakeholders throughout the Region. (March 2009)
2. Successfully award \$17 million in Proposition 84 funds for projects that will contribute to the implementation of the SNC mission and the objectives of Proposition 84. (July 2008 – June 2009)
3. Produce an annual report identifying the activities and accomplishments of the past year. (October 2008)

Organizational Actions (Continued from 2006-07)

4. Develop, in collaboration with other organizations, environmental, economic and social well being indices to monitor the progress in the various program and geographic areas. The indices will identify the key indicators to be monitored and measured. (December 2008)

Programmatic Actions

5. Determine how the SNC can best collaborate with others in the Region to address potential effects of climate change. (March 2009)

6. Implement appropriate portions of the SNC Education and Communications Plan, consistent with available resources. (June 2009)
7. Develop a strategy to work in partnership with other governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other interested parties to identify information, assistance and resources needed to support community projects consistent with the SNC mission. (April 2009)
8. Develop and make available a comprehensive guide to recreational and tourism opportunities in the Sierra, in cooperation with other organizations within the Region. (June 2009)
9. In cooperation with local governments, identify strategies to reduce the wildland-urban interface fire risk created by building structures that are within or encroach upon adjacent wildlands. (April 2009)

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